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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47**

APPLICANT: Mario C. SPIRA et al. GROUP ART UNIT: 2167  
SERIAL NO.: 09/810,351 EXAMINER:  
FILING DATE: March 16, 2001  
INVENTION: METHOD OF PROVIDING MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition for acceptance of the present application by the signing inventors in view of the refusal of the inventor Perry Cavanaugh to sign the present application. This petition is accompanied by an Affidavit of the undersigned attorney setting forth the facts regarding the refusal to sign, a check in the amount of \$130 for the petition fee, and a Submittal of Signed Declarations and Petition for Extension of Time with the signed declarations of the remaining inventors.

Acceptance of the present petition and of the present application is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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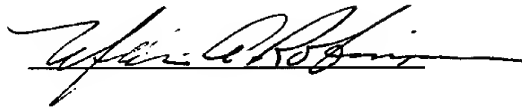
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July 17, 2001

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Re: SPIRA et al., patent application entitled "METHOD OF PROVIDING  
MAINTENANCE SERVICES", U.S. Serial No. 09/810,351, Our Case No.  
P00,1820, Siemens' Ref. No. 2000 P 03177US01, Schiff's Matter No.  
26965-0609

Dear Mr. Cavanagh:

We have been requested by Dr. Schulze Horn of Siemens AG to obtain your signature on a patent application which names you as an inventor.

Dr. Schulze Horn is a patent attorney at the Erlangen office of Siemens AG. We have worked with Dr. Schulze Horn in the preparation of a number of patent applications for filing in the U.S., including the above-referenced application. The present patent application has been filed in the U.S. Patent Office and now requires the signatures of the inventors. Dr. Schulze Horn is overseeing obtaining signatures from the European based inventors and has asked that we obtain signatures from the U.S. and Canadian based inventors.

Accordingly, we ask that you review the enclosed papers and sign and date them where indicated. Please return the executed papers to us so that we may file them in the U.S. Patent Office.

We ask that you return the papers promptly so that extensions of time in the Patent Office can be avoided. To facilitate return of the papers, we are enclosing a self-addressed envelope for your use.

If you have any changes or corrections in these application papers, please let us know so that we can prepare the appropriate amendment papers in the Patent Office to have the changes entered.

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We await your return of the signed papers.

With kind regards,

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October 12, 2001

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Re: SPIRA et al., patent application entitled "MENU DRIVE MANAGEMENT  
AND OPERATION TECHNIQUE", PCT/US01/08328, Our Case No.  
P00,1824, Schiff's Matter No. 26965-0605, Siemens' Ref. No. 2001 P  
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Dear Mr. Cavanagh:

We have not received the signed formal papers from you in the above-identified patent application. Please sign and return the enclosed papers immediately.

We note that we received papers by way of the law firm of McCarthy Tétrault of Calgary which they indicated they received from Perry Cavanagh, but which were signed by Mr. Pfeiffer. This suggests that there may have been some mix up in the papers.

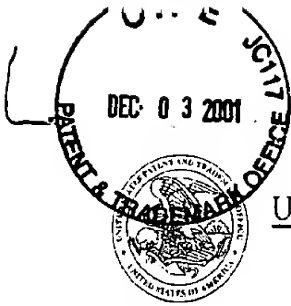
We ask that you call us if you have any questions or comments in this matter.

Your prompt attention is respectfully requested.

With kind regards,

Melvin A. Robinson  
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
  - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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